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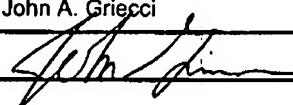
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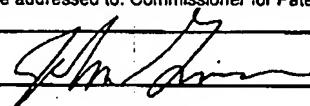
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

OVERPAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE

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Dear Sir:

1. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund in the amount of \$700.00, with respect to the  
25 overpayment of an issue fee in the above-identified patent. The payment was mistakenly  
made at the large entity rate, when it should have been made at the small entity rate. This  
mistake was due to a misunderstanding as to whether the Assignee qualified as a small  
entity.

30 2. FEES PAID FOR WHICH REFUND IS REQUESTED

The overpayment was made on July 2, 2007, using PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment  
Form, in the amount of \$1,700.00 that included the issue fee (\$1,400.00) and the  
Publication Fee (\$300.00). The correct issue fee, for a small entity, is \$700.00. Assignee  
requests a refund of the difference (\$700.00) because the fee paid should have been in the  
35 amount for a small entity.

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3. RELEVANT EVENTS

a. On July 2, 2007, based on a misunderstanding of the size of the Assignee  
under section 3 of the Small Business Act, Assignee's attorney mailed an  
40 issue fee at the large entity rate in the amount of \$1,400.00 as part of the

U.S. Patent No. 7,256,516  
Request for Refund of Overpayment of Issue Fee

Issue and Publication fees. This fee was paid by Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038, and accompanied by Form PTOL-85 part B, Issue Fee Transmittal. On the PTOL-85 part B, Section 5(b) was marked that stated that Applicant (Assignee) no longer qualified for small entity status, per

5 37 C.F.R. 1.27 (g)(2).

10 b. On August 4, 2007, Assignee's attorney was informed by Assignee that

Assignee still qualified for small entity status under section 3 of the Small Business Act. Thus, the statement enclosed with the maintenance payment that stated Assignee no longer qualified for small entity status was made in

error.

4. REMARKS

According to 37 C.F.R. 1.28, refunds for overpayment of fees based upon later establishment of small entity status can be made if an assertion under C.F.R. 1.27(c) and a request for refund of the excess amount are filed within three months of the date of the timely payment of the full fee. The overpayment was timely paid on July 2, 2007, and thus this request for refund is made within the three month allowable period. Enclosed with this request, please find an assertion that Assignee qualifies for small entity status, as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.27(c).

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Assignee's attorney therefore requests the refund of the \$700.00 overpayment.

5. MANNER OF REFUND

Assignee respectfully requests a refund of \$700.00 be refunded to the credit card 25 on which it was originally charged. Alternatively, the refund may be made to Deposit Account No. 501809, the deposit account of Assignee's attorney.

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Thank you for your assistance, and please call me if you have any questions  
regarding this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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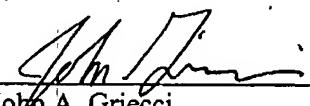
**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.27(c)(1)**

Dear Sir:

20 Written notice is hereby given as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.27 (c)(1) that  
AeroVironment Inc., assignee of the above-identified patent, is entitled to "small entity"  
status for payment of fees in the above-identified U.S. patent.

25 Enclosed with this notice please find a request for refund of the overpayment of a  
issue fee paid July 2, 2007, at the "non-small entity" rate.

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